

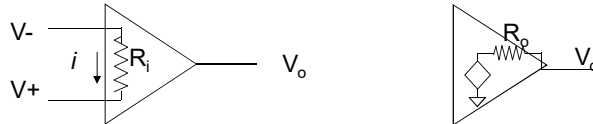
Basic Circuit Theory & Patch-clamp Amplifier

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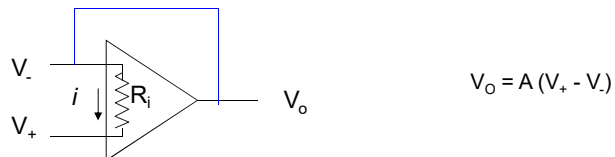
OP amplifier

The Golden rule of
Operational Amplifier (Analog Devices, USA)



high input resistance ($R_i \rightarrow \infty$)
(i between + and - is zero, cf. $R_o \rightarrow 0$)

(-): inverting input
(+): non-inverting input
 $V_o = A (V_+ - V_-)$



If negative feedback line (blue) is connected
 $V_- = V_+$, when open loop gain (A) is large ($A > 10^5$)

• If $V_- = V_o$,

$$V_o = V_+ A / (1+A) \cong V_+ = V_-$$

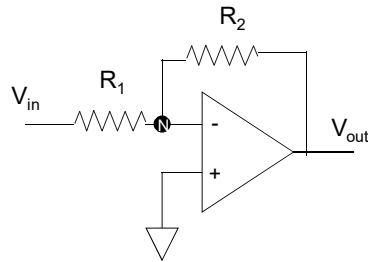
• Even if $V_o = x V_-$ (by inserting resistor on blue), as long as $x \ll A$,

$$x V_- = A (V_+ - V_-)$$

$$V_- = A / (x + A) V_+ \cong V_+$$

$$\therefore V_+ = V_-$$

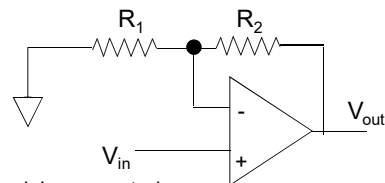
Inverting Amplifier



When V_+ is grounded and the negative feedback is connected, the node between V_o and V_- ('N') becomes an **imaginary ground**.

- 1) $V_- = V_+ = 0$
 - 2) $(V_{in} - V_-) / R_1 + (V_{out} - V_-) / R_2 = 0$ (Kirchhoff's rule)
- $\Rightarrow V_{out} / V_{in} = -R_2 / R_1$.

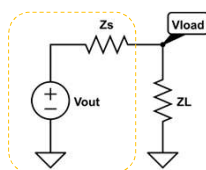
Non-inverting Amplifier



When V_+ is grounded and the negative feedback is connected, the node between V_o and V_- ('N') becomes an **imaginary ground**.

- 1) $V_- = V_+ = V_{in}$
 - 2) $(0 - V_{in}) / R_1 + (V_{out} - V_{in}) / R_2 = 0$ (Kirchhoff's rule)
- $\Rightarrow V_{out} / V_{in} = 1 + (R_2 / R_1)$.

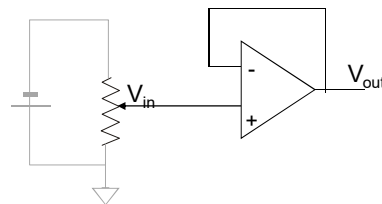
Voltage follower

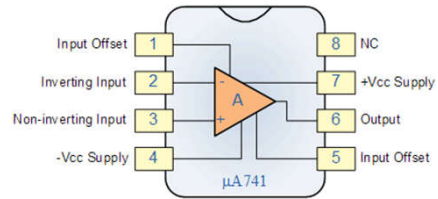


$$V_{load} = V_o * (Z_L / (Z_L + Z_s))$$

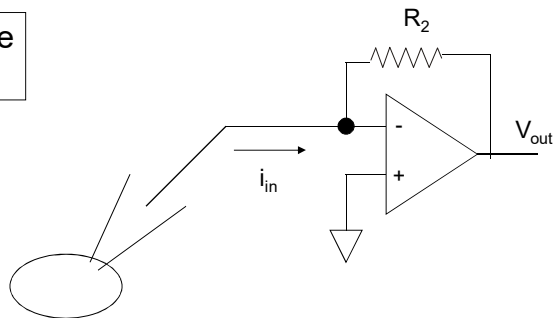
As $Z_L \rightarrow 0$, $V_{load} \rightarrow 0$

Ideal Amp. : $Z_s \rightarrow 0$





Current-to-voltage Converter



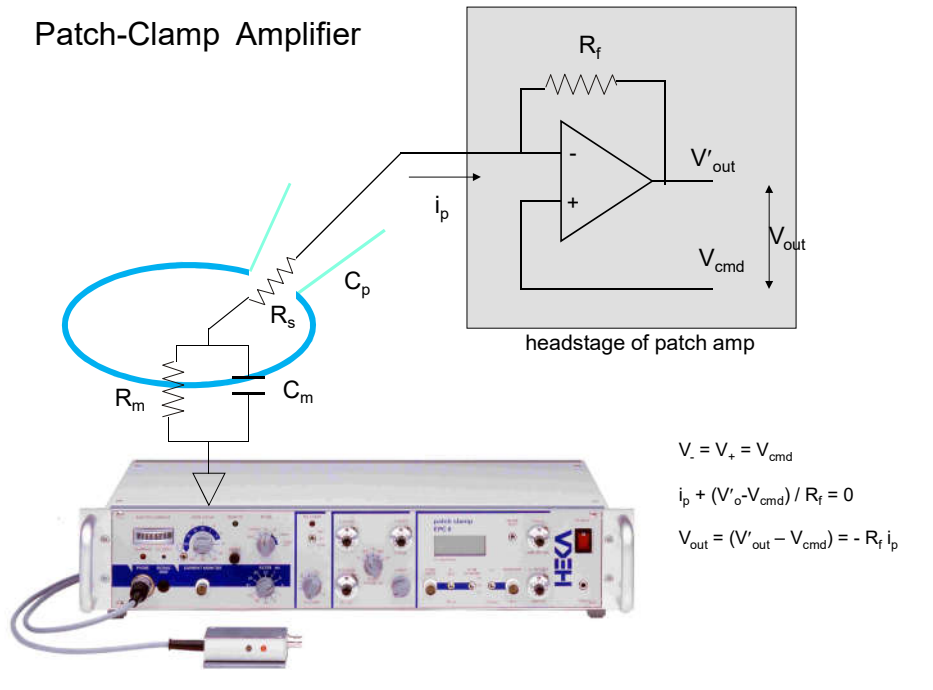
The same circuit as the inverting amplifier except $R_1 = 0$,

1) $V_- = V_+ = 0$

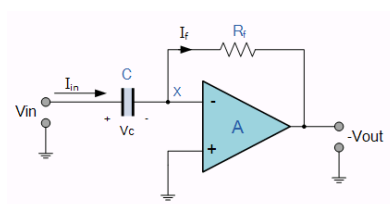
2) $i_{in} + (V_{out} - V_-) / R_2 = 0$ (Kirchhoff's rule)

$\Rightarrow V_{out} = -R_2 \cdot i_{in}$

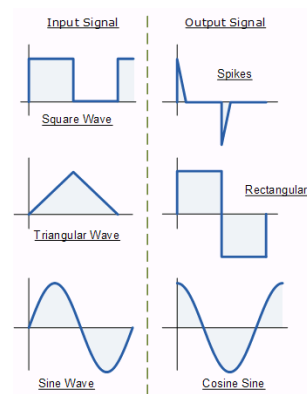
Patch-Clamp Amplifier



Differentiator



- 1) $V_- = V_+ = 0$
 - 2) $C \, dV_{in}/dt + V_{out} / R_f = 0$ (Kirchhoff's rule)
- $$\Rightarrow V_{out} = -R_f C \cdot dV_{in}/dt$$



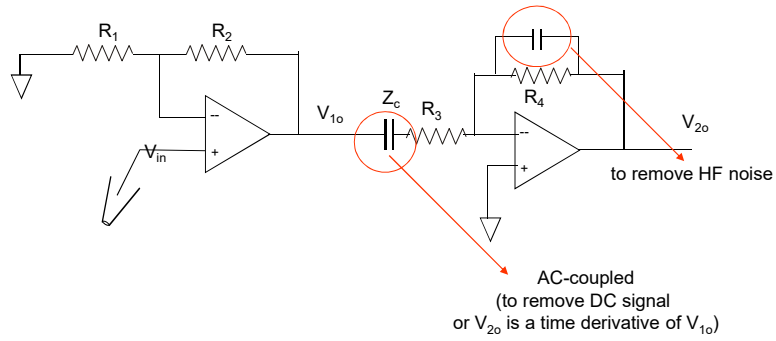
Field potential measurement circuit

1st stage amplifier
(non-inverting amp. or voltage follower)

$$V_{10} = V_{in} (1 + R_2 / R_1)$$

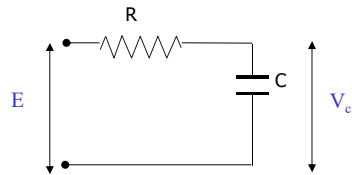
2nd stage amplifier
(inverting amp.)

$$V_{20} = V_{10} [-R_4 / (R_3 + Z_c)]$$



RC circuit & patch-clamp signals

RC-Circuit I



$$E = V_R + V_C$$

Since $Q = C V_C$,

$$i_C = dQ/dt = C dV_C/dt$$

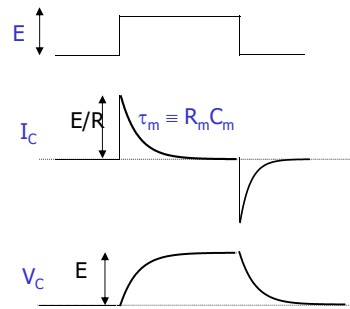
Since $i_R = i_C$,

$$(E - V_C)/R = C \cdot dV_C/dt$$

$$dV_C/dt + V_C/\tau = E/\tau, \quad (\tau \equiv RC)$$

$$V_C = E (1 - \exp(-t/\tau))$$

$$I_C = C dV_C/dt = (E/R) \cdot \exp(-t/\tau)$$



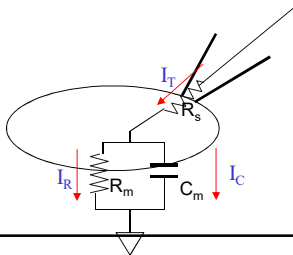
Solving ODE

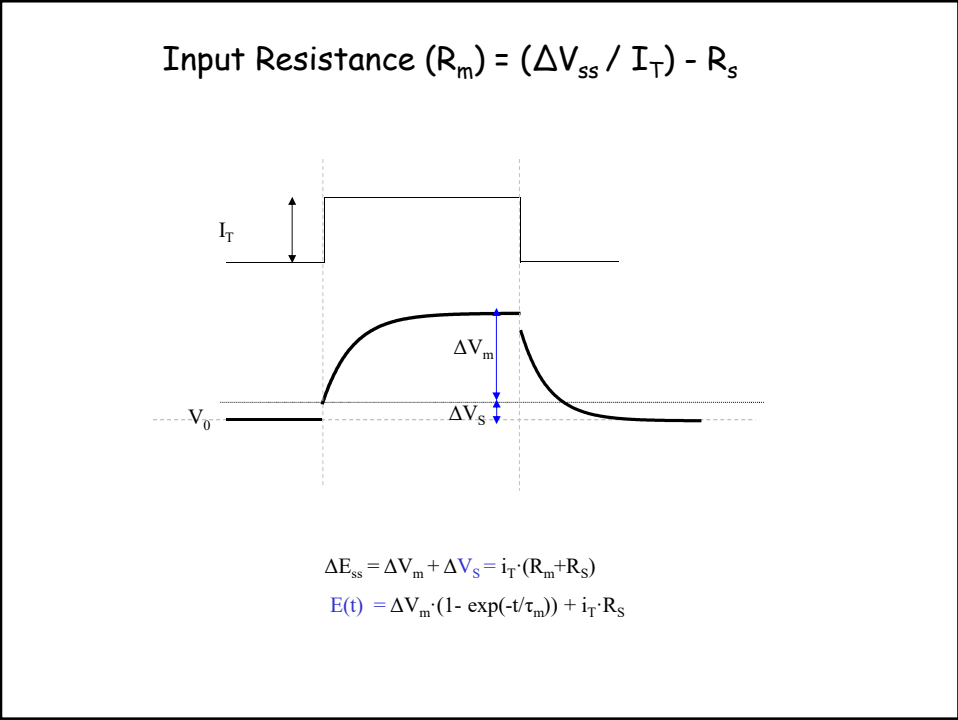
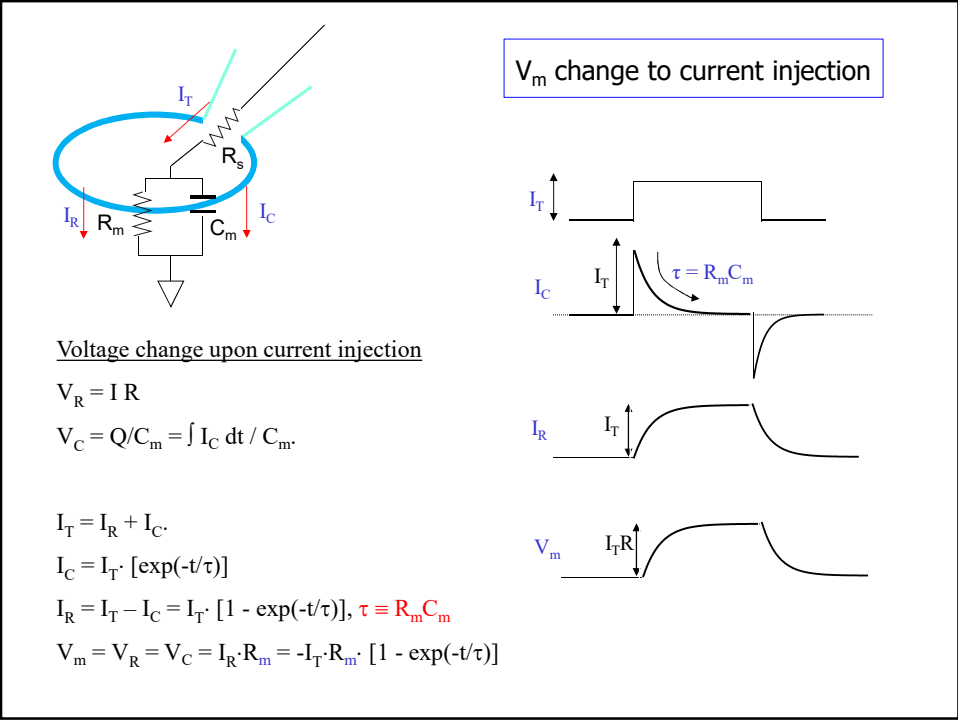
- Separate variables

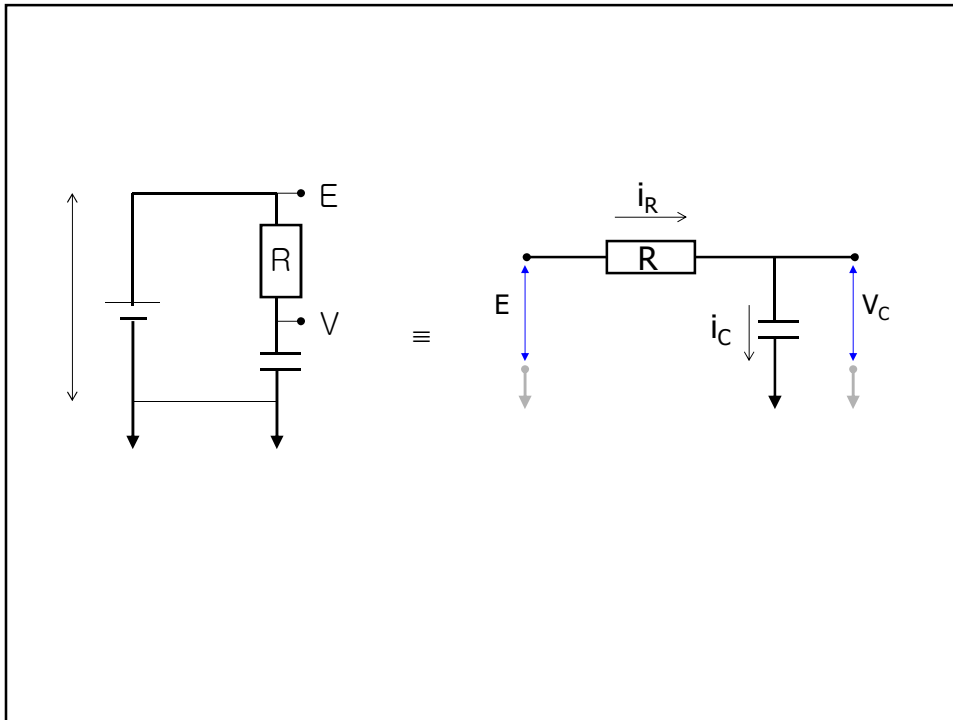
$$\left. \begin{aligned} dv/dt &= (1/\tau)(E - v) \\ dv &= (1/\tau)(E - v) dt \\ dv/(v - E) &= -dt/\tau \\ \ln(v - E) &= -t/\tau + C \\ v(t) - E &= A \exp(-t/\tau) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- Determine constants

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Let } v(0) &= v_0 = 0. \\ (v_0 - E) &= A \\ v(t) &= E [1 - \exp(-t/\tau)] \end{aligned} \right\}$$







I_m change to voltage clamp (1)

$$V_{cmd} = V_S + V_C, \quad I_T = I_m = I_R + I_C.$$

$$V_{cmd} = I_T \cdot R_S + V_C.$$

$$= (I_R + I_C) \cdot R_S + V_C$$

$$= (V_C/R_m + C_m \, dV_C/dt) \cdot R_S + V_C$$

$$dV_C/dt + V_C/\tau_p = V_{cmd}/\tau_s,$$

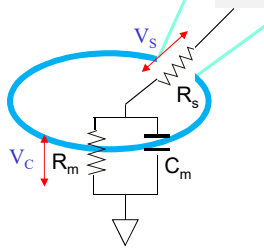
where $\tau_p \equiv R_p C_m$, $\tau_s \equiv R_s C_m$, and $R_p = R_s \cdot R_m / (R_s + R_m)$.

$$V_C = V_{cmd} \cdot [R_m / (R_s + R_m)] [1 - \exp(-t/\tau_p)]$$

$$I_C = C_m \cdot dV_C/dt = (V_{cmd}/R_s) \cdot \exp(-t/\tau_p)$$

$$I_R = V_C/R_m = V_{cmd}/(R_s + R_m) [1 - \exp(-t/\tau_p)]$$

I_m change to voltage clamp (2)



Passive current response upon V_m change

$$V_{cmd} = V_s + V_C$$

$$V_s = I_T R_s$$

$$V_C = (V_{cmd} R_m / R_T) \cdot [1 - \exp(-t/\tau_p)]$$

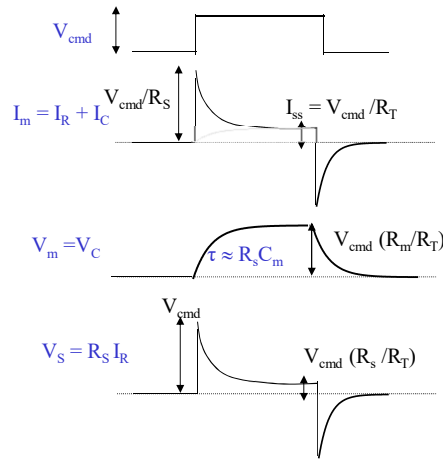
$$I_m = I_C + I_R$$

$$I_C = (V_{cmd}/R_s) \cdot \exp(-t/\tau_p)$$

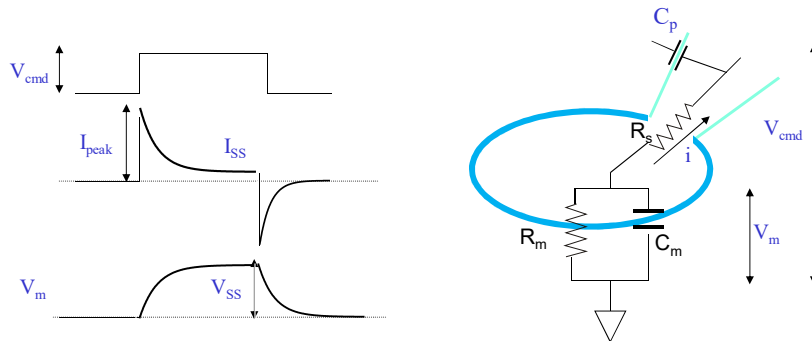
$$I_R = (V_{cmd}/R_T) [1 - \exp(-t/\tau_p)],$$

$$\tau_p \equiv R_p C_m; R_p \equiv R_m R_s / R_T; R_T \equiv R_m + R_s.$$

$$V_s = (V_{cmd}/R_T) \cdot (R_s + R_m) \cdot \exp(-t/\tau_p)$$



I_m change to voltage clamp (3)



$$V_{ss} = V_{cmd} \cdot R_m / (R_m + R_s)$$

$$I_{peak} = V_{cmd} / R_s$$

$$I_{ss} = V_{cmd} / (R_m + R_s)$$

$$\tau_p \equiv R_p C_m \approx R_s C_m$$

$$\text{Since } R_p \approx R_s \text{ (if } R_s \ll R_m \text{).}$$

- $R_s = I_{peak} / V_{cmd}$

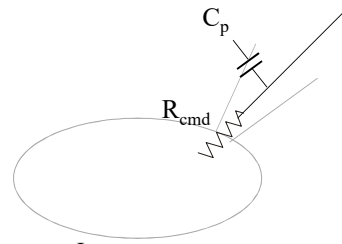
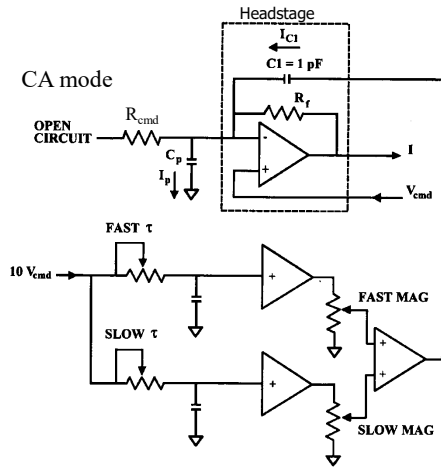
(I_{peak} should be measured after complete C_{fast} cancellation)

- $V_m = V_{cmd} - i R_s$

(The larger i causes the larger voltage drop at R_s)

- τ in CA mode (= $R_{cmd} C_p$) is faster than τ in WC mode (= $R_s C_m$)

Pipette capacitance cancellation (fast capacitance cancellation)

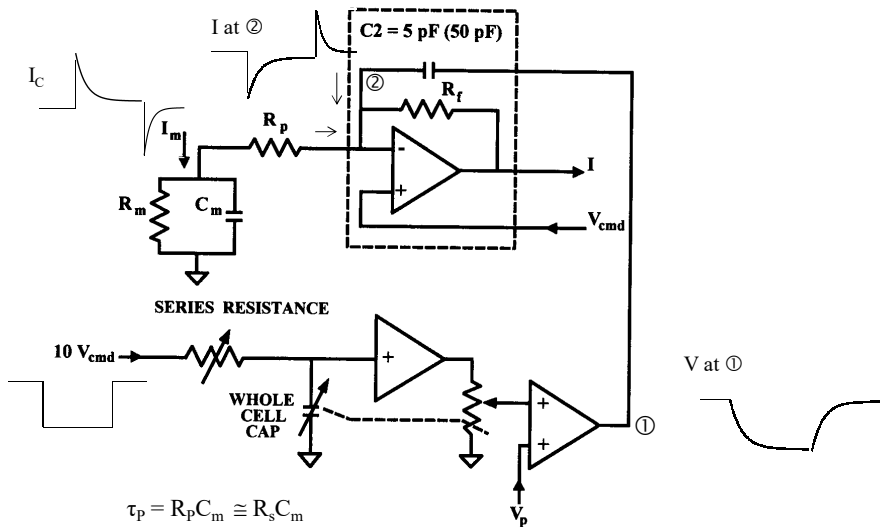


To compensate I_p ,
the CCC supplies a negative I_p (I_{C1})
to the input of headstage op amp

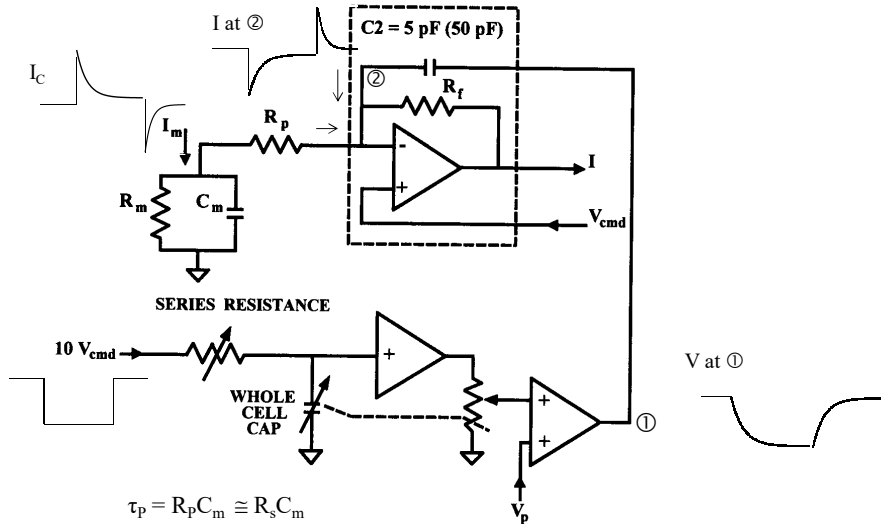
To make a negative I_p , V_{shaped} is made and
supplied to C1

Cancellation of C_{fast} should be done prior to the estimation of R_s from I_{peak}/V_{cmd} .

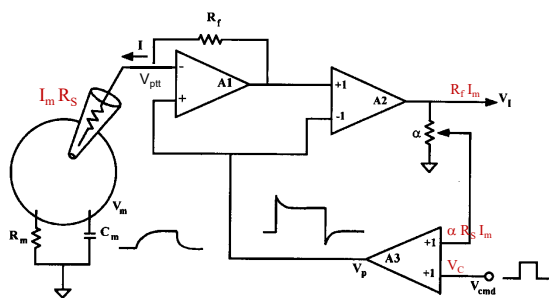
Whole-cell capacitance cancellation



Whole-cell capacitance cancellation



Series resistance (R_S) compensation



$$V_m = V_{ptt} - I_m R_S$$

$$\text{Goal: } V_m = V_{cmd}$$

$$\text{Mtd: } V_{ptt} \leftarrow V_{cmd} + \alpha I_m R_S \quad (0 < \alpha < 1)$$

$$\text{Rslt: } V_m = V_{cmd} - (1 - \alpha) I_m R_S$$

Overcompensation

When the current under observation has a positive feedback dynamics like I_{Na} , the R_S comp may cause a larger cell current leading to a positive feedback, especially when $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ and incomplete spatial clamp.

Once the circuit current is sat'd under such positive feedback conditions, the circuit starts to oscillate.

Off-line R_s compensation

Goal: Calc $G_m \Rightarrow I_{\text{corr}} = G_m V_{\text{cmd}}$.

$$V_{\text{cmd}} = R_s I_T + V_m \quad 1)$$

$$I_R = I_T - I_C = I_T - C_m dV_m/dt \quad 2)$$

I_T = measured current
 I_R = I thr channels in cell mb
 V_{cmd} = command potential

$$I_T = I_R + I_C \quad (I_R: I \text{ thr. } R_m)$$

When $V_{\text{cmd}} = \text{const}$, inserting 1) into 2) yields,

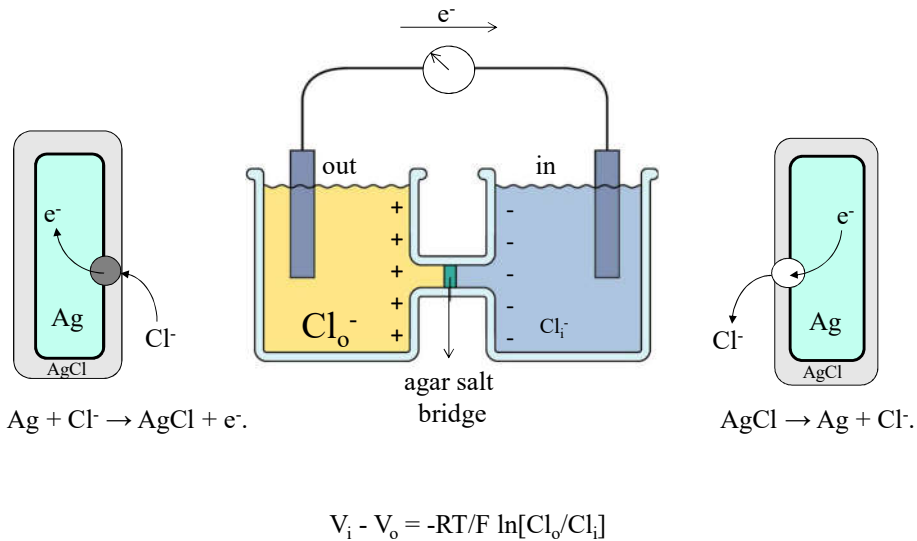
$$I_R = I_T + C_m R_s dI_T/dt$$

$$G_m = I_R / V_m = (I_T + C_m R_s dI_T/dt) / (V_{\text{cmd}} - R_s I_T).$$

$$I_{\text{corr}} = G_m V_{\text{cmd}} = V_{\text{cmd}} (I_T + C_m R_s dI_T/dt) / (V_{\text{cmd}} - R_s I_T)$$

Error sources

Liquid-Metal Junction Potential



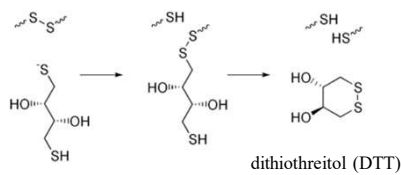
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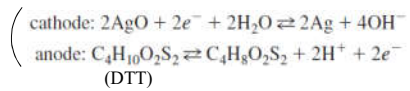
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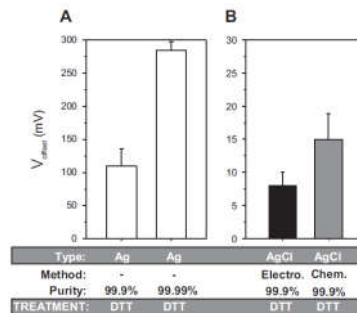
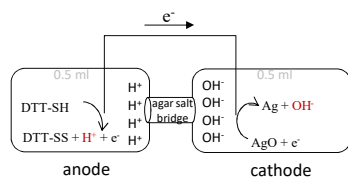
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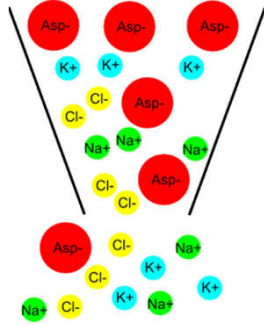
Bare silver electrode



$$V_{\text{offset}} = V_{\text{anode}} - V_{\text{cathode}}$$



Liquid Junction Potential (V_L)



Def. of V_L : the potential of bath with respect to the pipette sol.

$$V_L = (u E_{\text{cation}} - v E_{\text{anion}}) / (u + v),$$

where u (v): mobility of cation (anion)

$$E_{\text{cation}} = (RT/F) \ln [C_{\text{cmd}}/C_{\text{bath}}].$$

e.g)

145 K-Glutamate, +10 mV

145 KCl, +3 mV

145 Cs-Glutamate, +11 mV

$$V_m = V_i - V_{\text{bath}}$$

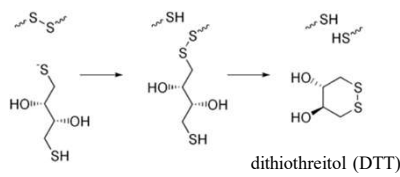
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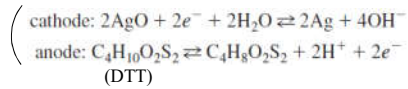
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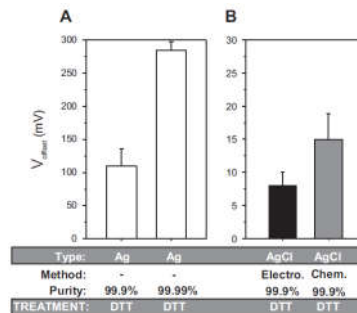
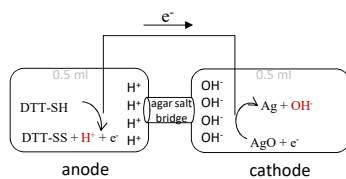
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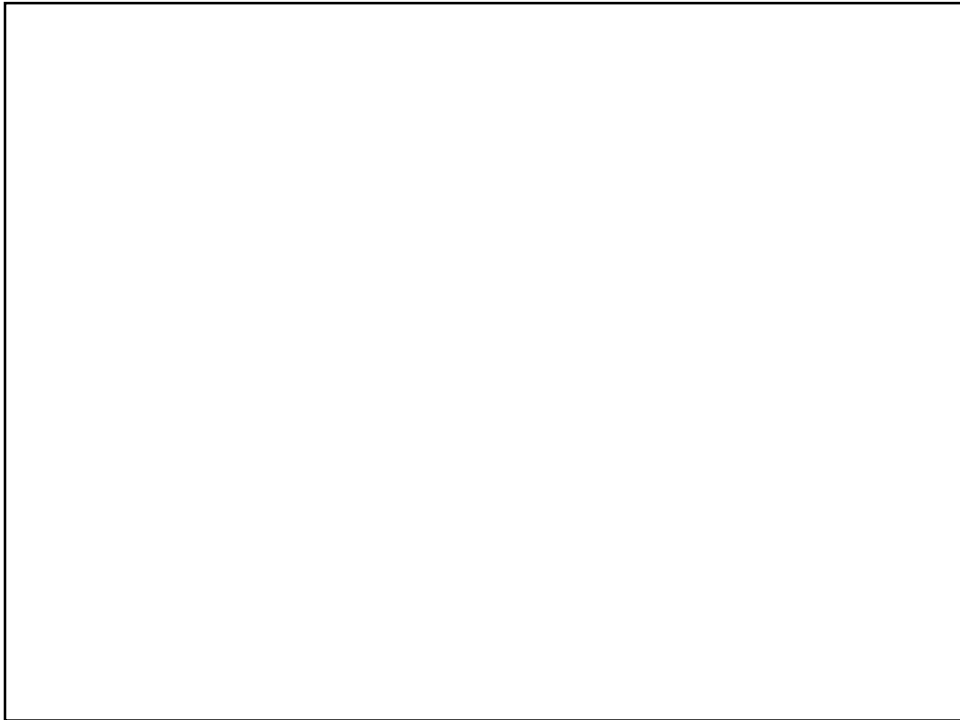


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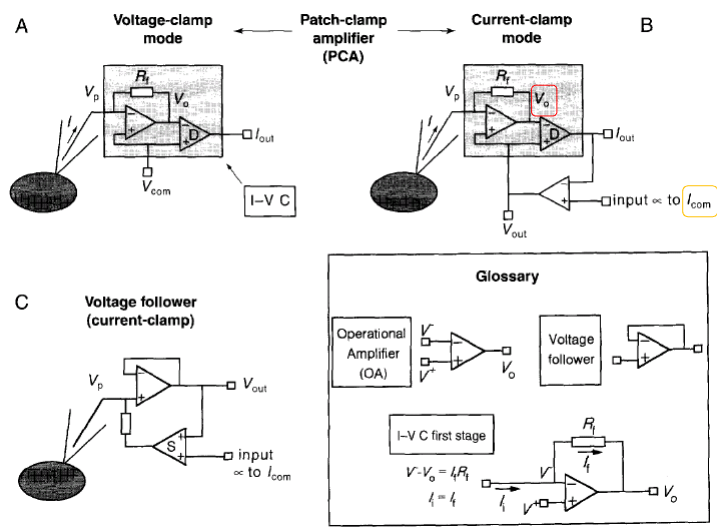


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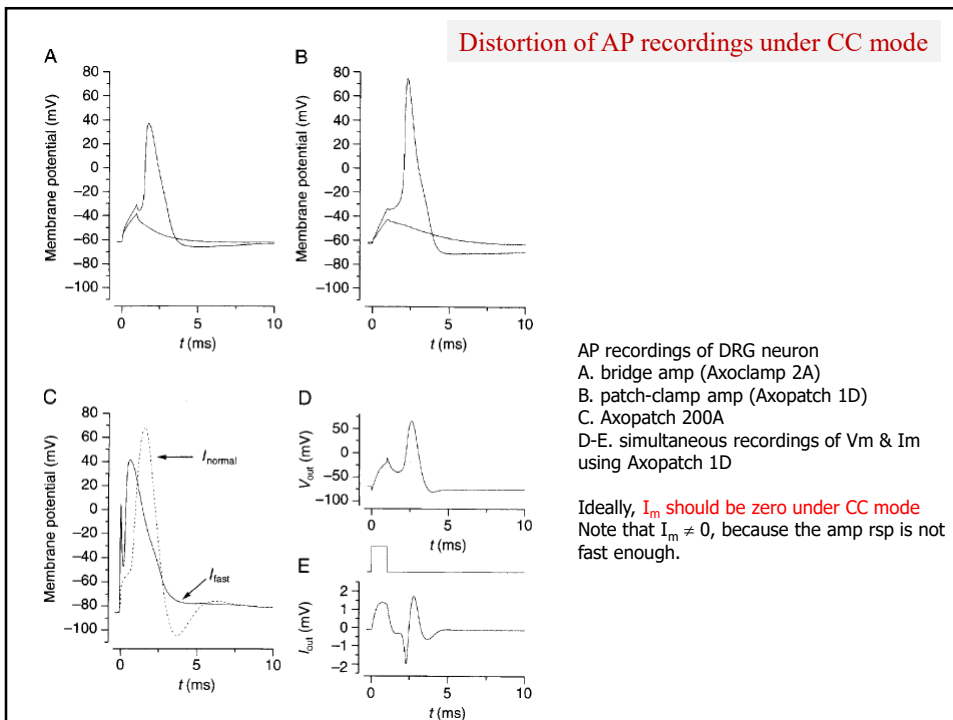
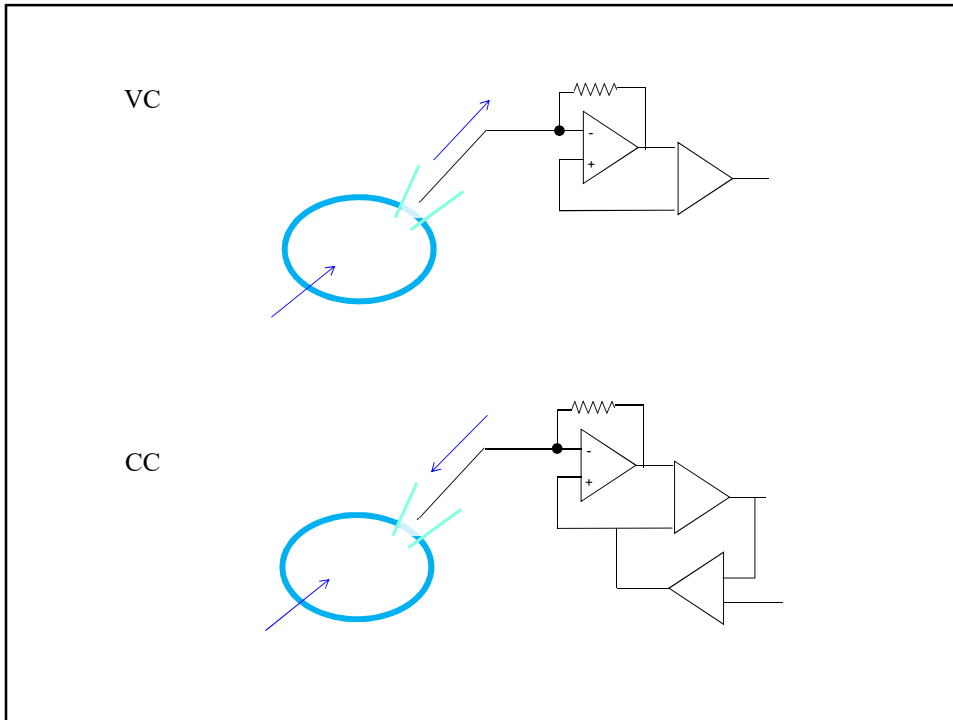




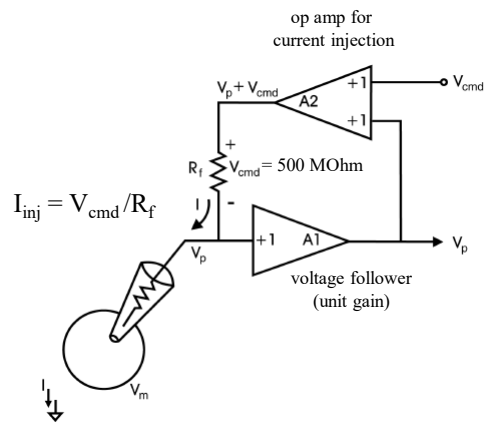
Action potentials recorded with patch-clamp amplifiers: are they genuine?



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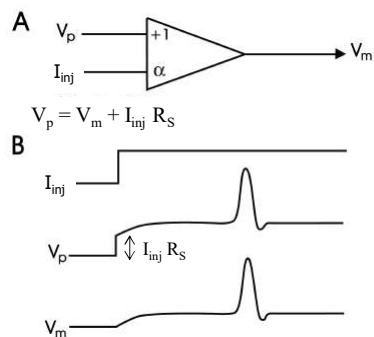


Now, head stages contain **voltage follower** as well as I-V converter circuit, since EPC10 and Multicmap700B



Bridge Balance

Technique for separation of V_m from V_p

$$V_p = V_m + I_{inj} R_S$$


Dynamic clamp

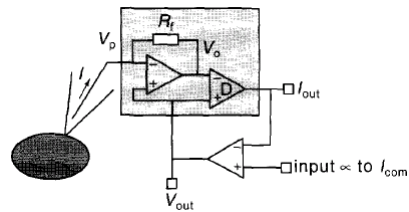
Monitoring V_m response under current clamp mode
caused by injection of current that follows

$$I_{\text{syn}}(t) = g(t) [V_m(t) - E_{\text{rev}}].$$

- 1) E_{rev} and $g(t)$ are pre-specified
- 2) The injection current [$I_{\text{syn}}(t)$] should be constantly updated acc. to the equation with reference to instantaneously monitored V_m .



P25M high speed analog calculator



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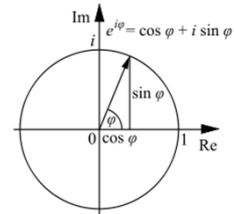
Euler's Formula

Taylor series of f(x) from x = 0

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + \dots$$

Proof of Euler's formula

$$\begin{aligned} e^{ix} &= 1 + ix + \frac{(ix)^2}{2!} + \frac{(ix)^3}{3!} + \frac{(ix)^4}{4!} + \frac{(ix)^5}{5!} + \frac{(ix)^6}{6!} + \frac{(ix)^7}{7!} + \frac{(ix)^8}{8!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + ix - \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{ix^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{ix^5}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} - \frac{ix^7}{7!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \dots \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} - \dots\right) + i \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots\right) \\ &= \cos x + i \sin x. \end{aligned}$$



$$\exp(j\theta) = \cos(\theta) + j\sin(\theta)$$

$$\exp(-j\theta) = \cos(\theta) - j\sin(\theta)$$

$$A + jB = r \exp(j\theta),$$

$$\text{where } r = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2},$$

$$\theta = \arctan(B/A)$$

Impedance of RC-Circuit

$$v(t) = v_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$i_R(t) = [v_0/R] \cos(\omega t)$$

$$Z_R = R$$

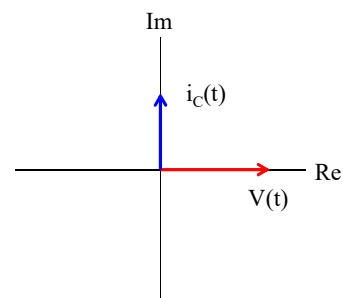
$$i_C(t) = C \, dv/dt = -\omega C v_0 \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\exp(j\omega t) = \cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t : \text{Euler's formula}$$

$$v(t) = \text{Re}[v_0 \exp(j\omega t)]$$

$$i_C(t) = C \, dv/dt = C \cdot \text{Re}[v_0 j\omega \exp(j\omega t)] = -\omega C v_0 \sin(\omega t)$$

$$Z_C = 1/j\omega C$$



Fourier transform

A function on the time-domain, $v(t)$, can be converted into another function on frequency domain, $V(f)$, without loss of information

$$v(t) \Leftrightarrow V(f)$$

$$v(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} V(f) \cdot \exp(i\omega t) df \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad V(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v(t) \cdot \exp(-i\omega t) dt$$

$$dv(t)/dt \Leftrightarrow j\omega V(f)$$

(derivative theorem of Fourier transform)

Proof

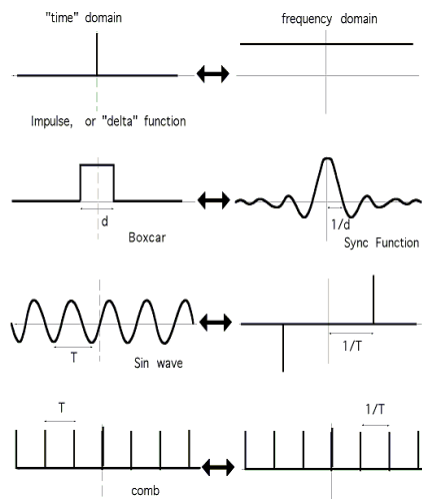
$$dV(f)/df = \int [dv/dt \exp(-j\omega t) + v(t) (-j\omega) \exp(-j\omega t)] dt$$

$$\text{Since } dV(f)/df = 0$$

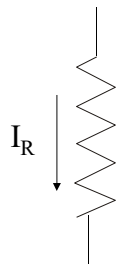
$$\int [dv/dt \exp(-j\omega t)] dt = j\omega \int [v(t) \exp(-j\omega t)] dt = j\omega V(f)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv/dt \cdot \exp(-j\omega t) dt = j\omega V(f)$$

$$\therefore dv(t)/dt \Leftrightarrow j\omega V(f)$$



Impedance of RC-Circuit



Ohm's law

$$I_R = V / R$$

$$Z_R = R$$

$$Q = C \cdot V$$

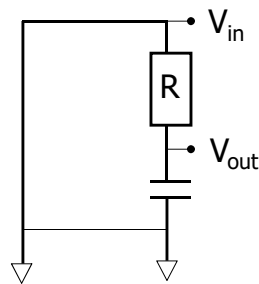
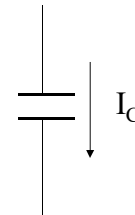
$$dQ/dt = C \cdot dV/dt$$

$$i_C(t) = C \cdot dV/dt$$

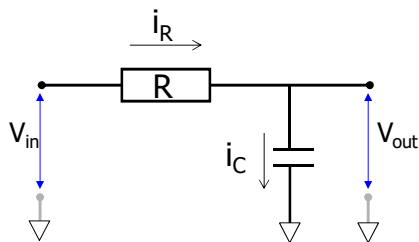
↓ F. T.

$$I(f) = j\omega C V(f)$$

$$Z_C = j\omega C$$



≡



$$i_R = i_C$$

$$(V_{in} - V_{out}) / R = V_{out} / Z_C$$

Since $Z_C = 1 / j\omega C$

$$V_{out} = V_{in} / (1 + j\omega RC) : \text{Transfer function}$$

Rayleigh's Theorem

$e(t) \leftrightarrow E(f)$: F.T. pair

$$\int |e(t)|^2 dt = \int |E(f)|^2 df$$

: law of energy conservation

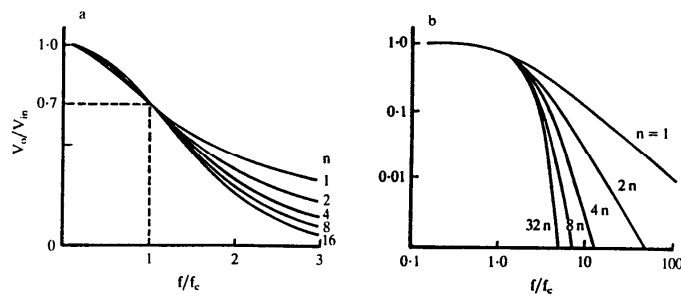
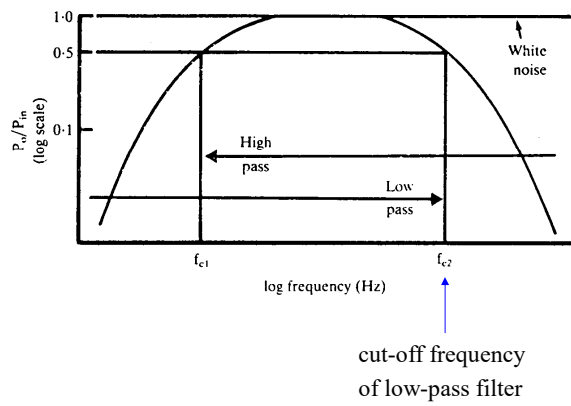
Power = $V \cdot V^*$

$$V_{out} \cdot V_{out}^* = |V_{out}|^2 = |V_{in}|^2 / [1 + (\omega\tau)^2]$$

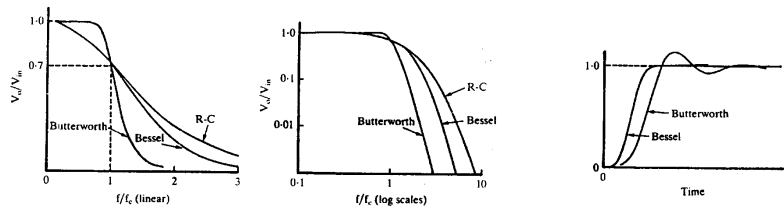
Def. cut-off frequency (f_c) $\equiv f$ at $|V_{out}|^2 = |V_{in}|^2 / 2$

$$(\omega_c \tau)^2 = (2 \pi f_c \tau)^2 = 1$$

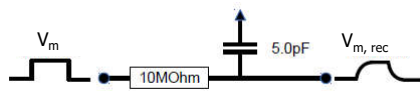
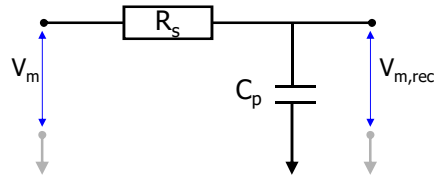
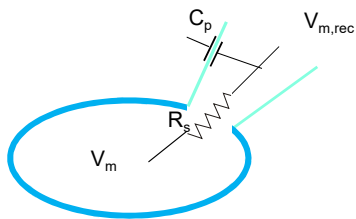
$$f_c = 1 / (2 \pi \tau)$$



$$V_{out} = V_{in} / (1 + (i2\pi f/f_c)^n)$$



In CC mode, measured voltage is low-pass filtered version of real V_m

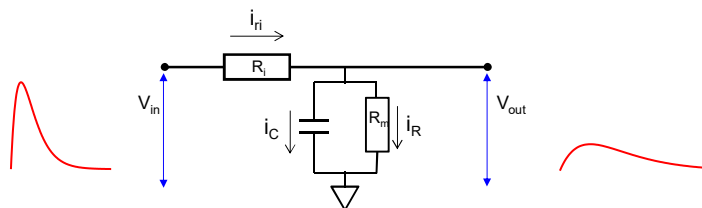
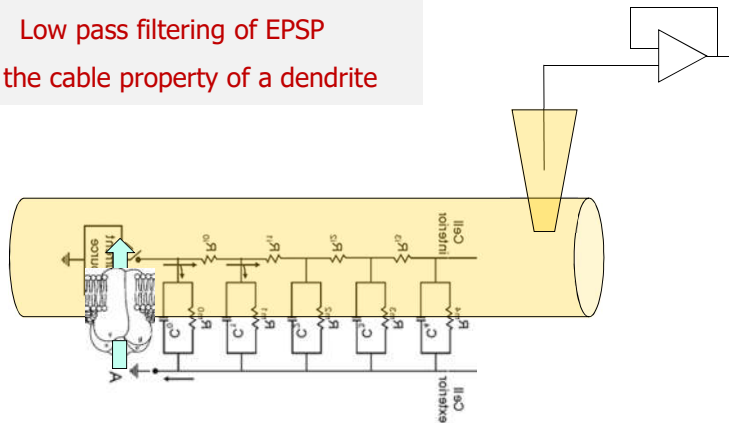


$$V_{m,rec} = V_m / (1 + j\omega R_s C_p)$$

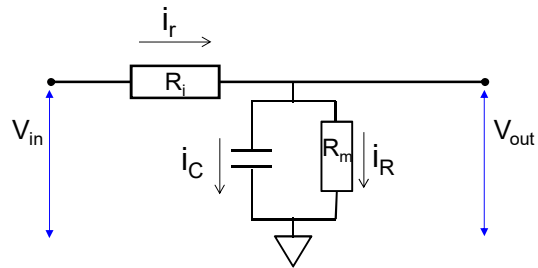
$$\tau_{fast} = R_s C_p = 10 \text{ M}\Omega \times 5 \text{ pF} = 50 \text{ }\mu\text{s}$$

$$f_c = 1 / (2 \pi \tau_{fast}) = 3.2 \text{ kHz}$$

Low pass filtering of EPSP
by the cable property of a dendrite



Low-pass filtering of EPSP



$$i_r = i_R + i_C$$

$$(V_{in} - V_{out}) / R_i = V_{out} (1/Z_c + 1/R_m)$$

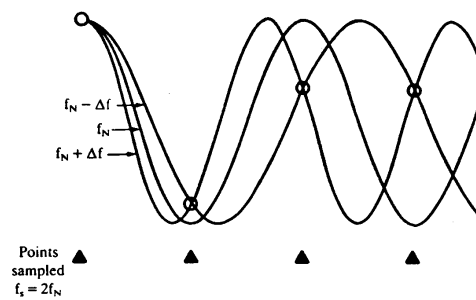
$$V_{in} = V_{out} (R_i/Z_c + R_i/R_m + 1)$$

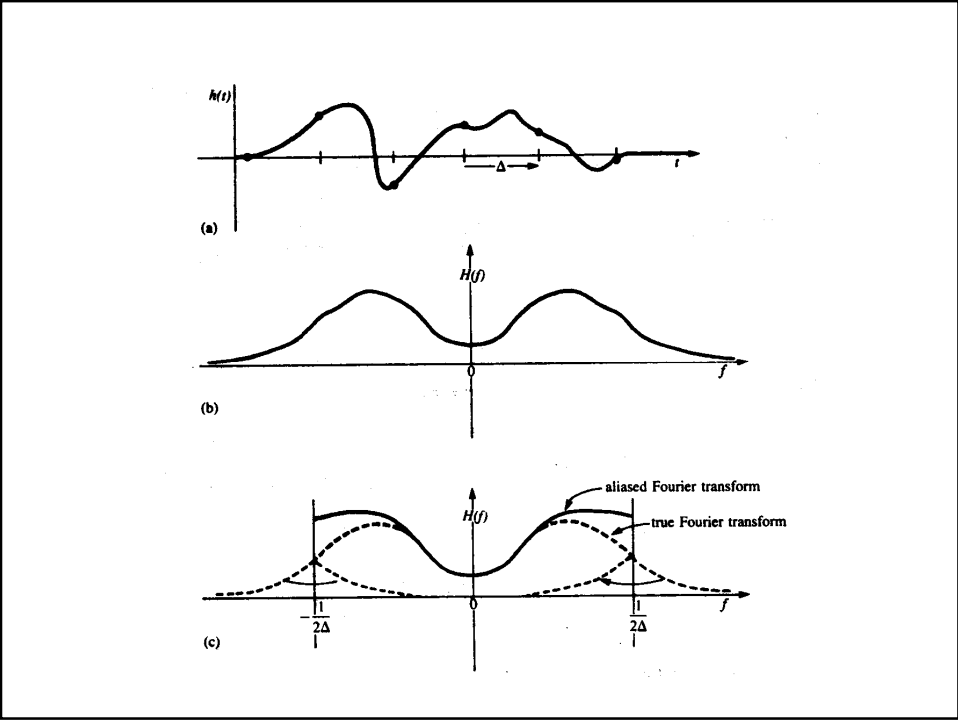
Since $Z_c = 1 / j\omega C$

$$V_{out} = V_{in} / (1 + R_i/R_m + j\omega R_i C)$$

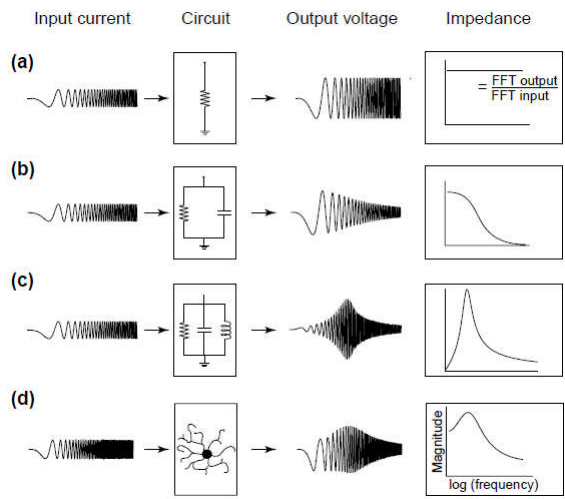
$$V_{out} / V_{in} = 1 / (1 + R_i/R_m + j\omega R_i C) \cong 1 / (1 + j\omega R_i C)$$

Aliasing – a digitization error

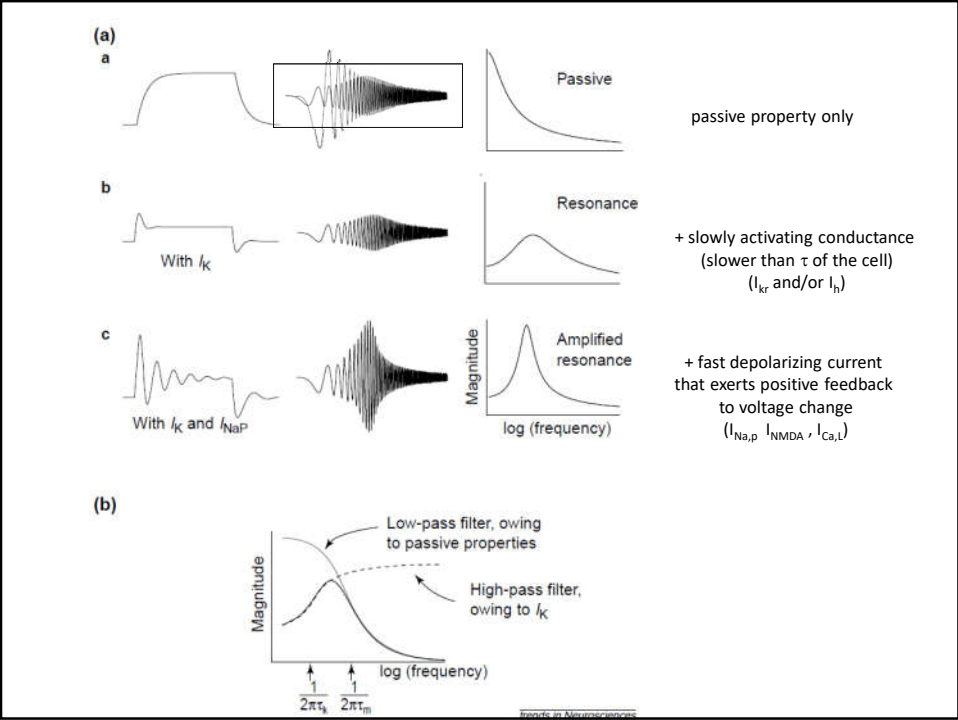




Resonance frequency in rsp to chirp stimulus current Tecton

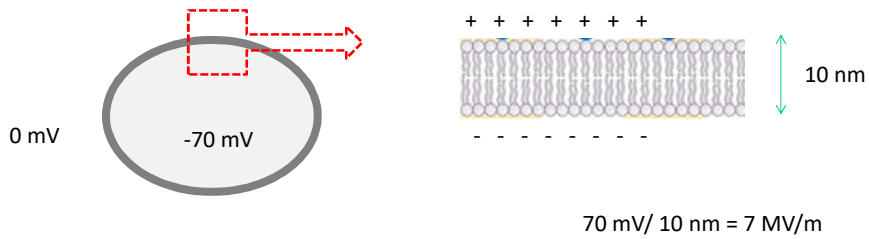


Hutcheon & Yarom (2010) TiNS



Cell Capacitance Monitoring

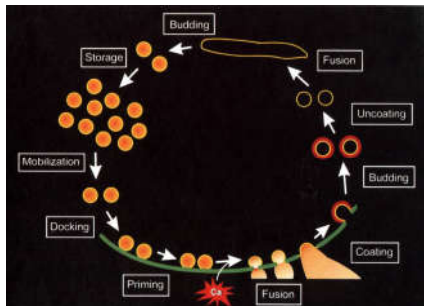
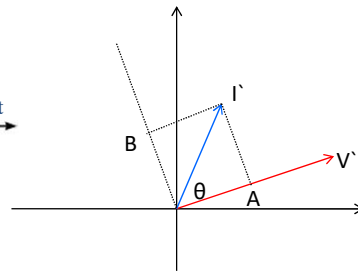
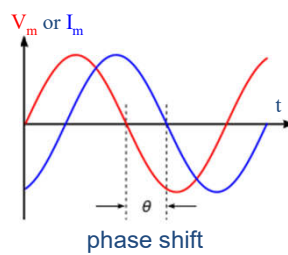
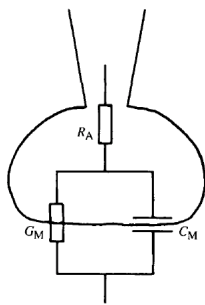
Cell membrane as a capacitor



specific capacitance of lipid bilayer (ϵ) = 1 $\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$.

$C_m = \epsilon A$, where A is the cell surface area

Capacitance Monitoring



Combined conductance

$$Y(\omega) = (G_M + R_A (\omega C_M)^2 + j\omega C_M) / (1 + R_A^2 (\omega C_M)^2)$$

$$\text{Re}(Y) = [G_M + R_A (\omega C_M)^2] / [1 + R_A^2 (\omega C_M)^2]$$

$$\text{Im}(Y) = \omega C_M / (1 + R_A^2 (\omega C_M)^2)$$

baseline phase shift = $\arctan(\text{Im}/\text{Re})$

$$= \arctan [\omega C_M / (G_M + R_A (\omega C_M)^2)].$$

conductance (Y)

parallel combination: $Y = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots$

serial combination: $1/Y = 1/Y_1 + 1/Y_2 + \dots$

impedance (Z)

parallel combination: $1/Z = 1/Z_1 + 1/Z_2 + \dots$

serial combination: $Z = Z_1 + Z_2 + \dots$

impedence of

resistor: R

capacitor: $1 / (j\omega C)$

conductance of

resistor: $1/R$

capacitor: $j\omega C$

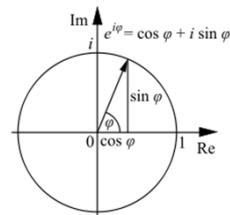
Euler's Formula

Taylor series of f(x) from x = 0

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + \dots$$

Proof of Euler's formula

$$\begin{aligned}
e^{ix} &= 1 + ix + \frac{(ix)^2}{2!} + \frac{(ix)^3}{3!} + \frac{(ix)^4}{4!} + \frac{(ix)^5}{5!} + \frac{(ix)^6}{6!} + \frac{(ix)^7}{7!} + \frac{(ix)^8}{8!} + \dots \\
&= 1 + ix - \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{ix^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{ix^5}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} - \frac{ix^7}{7!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \dots \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} - \dots\right) + i\left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots\right) \\
&= \cos x + i \sin x.
\end{aligned}$$



$$\exp(j\theta) = \cos(\theta) + j\sin(\theta)$$

$$\exp(-j\theta) = \cos(\theta) - j\sin(\theta)$$

$$A + jB = r \cdot \exp(j\theta),$$

$$\text{where } r = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2},$$

$$\theta = \arctan(B/A)$$

Phase shift

$$v(t) = V' \cdot \exp(j\omega t)$$

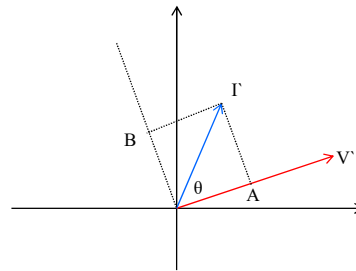
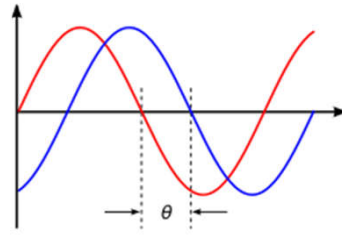
$$i(t) = y(\omega) \cdot v(t) = \Gamma' \cdot \exp[j(\omega t + \theta)]$$

$$y(\omega) = i(t)/v(t) = (\Gamma'/V') \cdot \exp(j\theta)$$

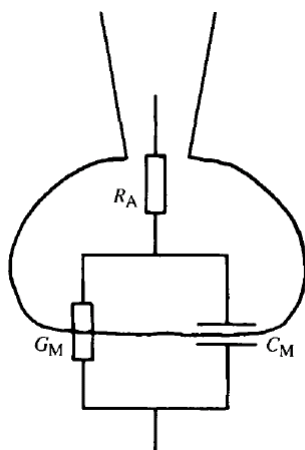
$$= (\Gamma'/V') \cdot (\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)$$

$$= A + j B$$

θ : phase shift = $\arctan(B/A)$



Combined Conductance (Y)



$$Y_M = G_M + j\omega C_M$$

$$Y_A = 1/R_A$$

$$1/Y = 1/Y_M + 1/Y_A$$

$$\frac{1}{Y(\omega)} = \frac{1}{G_M + j\omega C_M} + R_A$$

$$Y(\omega) = \frac{G_M + j\omega C_M}{1 + R_A G_M + R_A (j\omega C_M)}$$

When $G_M \ll 1/R_A$,

$$Y(\omega) = (G_M + R_A (\omega C_M)^2 + j\omega C_M) / (1 + R_A^2 (\omega C_M)^2)$$

$$Y(\omega) = (G_M + j\omega C_M) / (1 + R_A G_M + R_A (j\omega C_M))$$

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$$\text{baseline phase shift} = \arctan(\text{Im}/\text{Re})$$

$$= \arctan [\omega C_M / (G_M + R_A (\omega C_M)^2)].$$

$$Y(\omega) = [G_M + R_A (\omega C_M)^2 + j\omega C_M] / [1 + R_A^2 (\omega C_M)^2]$$

e.g.)

Let $C_m = 5 \text{ pF}$, $R_a = 10 \text{ M}\Omega$, $R_m = 2 \text{ G}\Omega$, $f = 1 \text{ KHz}$

baseline phase shift ?

$$\text{baseline phase shift (q)} = \arctan \{ \omega C_M / [G_M + R_A (\omega C_M)^2] \} = 71.74$$

Lindau-Neher Technique

$$Y(\omega) = [G_M + R_A (\omega C_M)^2 + j\omega C_M] / [1 + R_A^2 (\omega C_M)^2]$$

$$Y(\omega) = A + j B$$

$$A = [G_M + R_A (\omega C_M)^2] / [1 + R_A^2 (\omega C_M)^2]$$

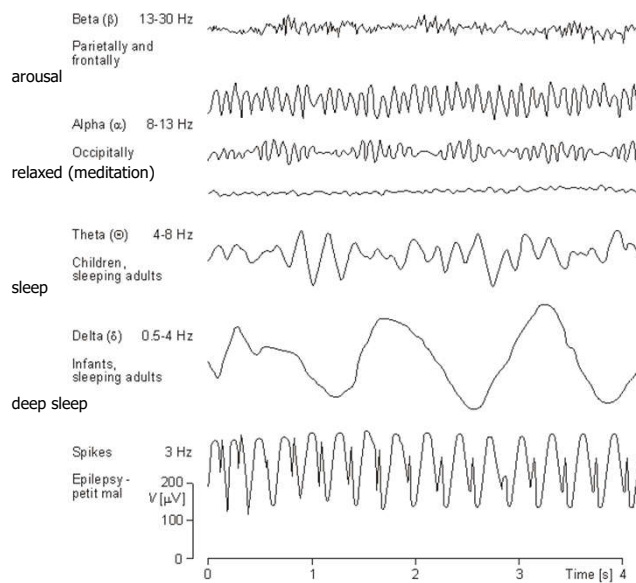
$$B = \omega C_M / [1 + R_A^2 (\omega C_M)^2]$$

$$I_{dc} = (V_{dc} - E_r) \cdot G_t, \text{ where } G_t = 1 / (R_M + R_A).$$

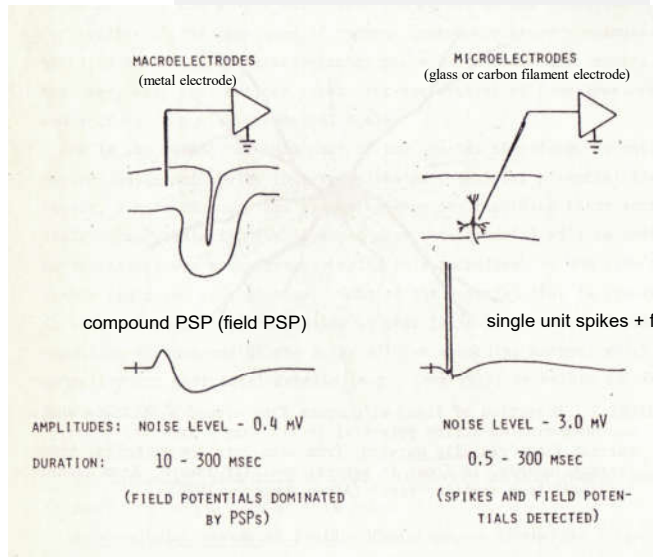
$$C_m = \frac{1}{\omega_c B} \frac{(A^2 + B^2 - A G_t)^2}{(A - G_t)^2 + B^2} \quad R_m = \frac{1}{G_t} \frac{(A - G_t)^2 + B^2}{A^2 + B^2 - A G_t}$$

Extracellular Recording of Neural Activity

Electroencephalogram (EEG)

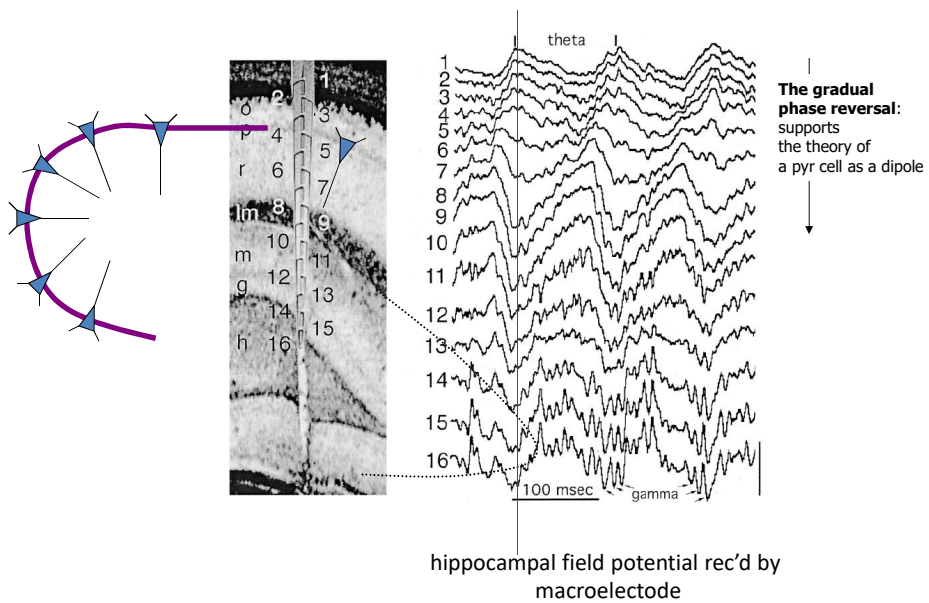


Macro- vs Micro-electrode

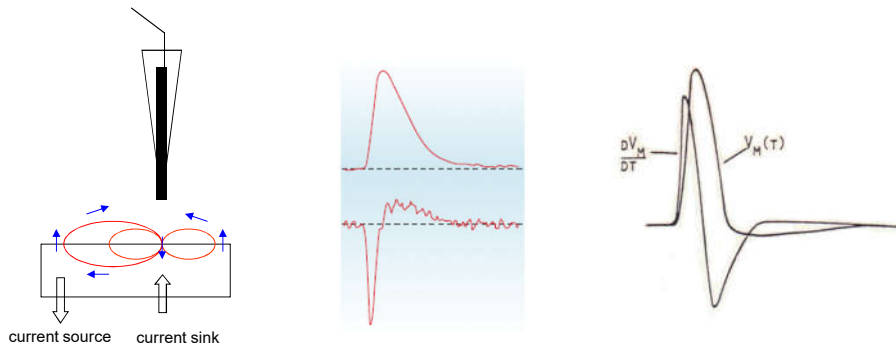


dimension of the exposed tip of a microelectrode:
 $< 5 \mu\text{m}$ in diameter and $< 20 \mu\text{m}$ in length

Pyramidal neuron as a current dipole



Extracellular recording of single unit action potential



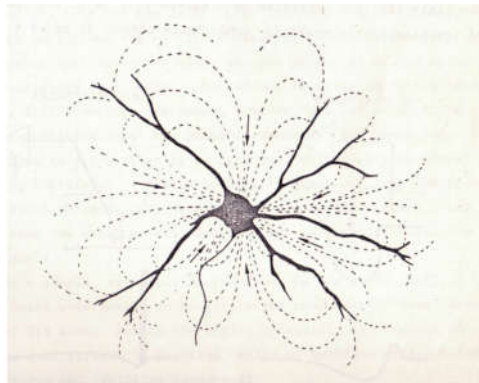
*Good extracellular recording electrode

- small: unit spike activity
- low impedance: high S/N ratio

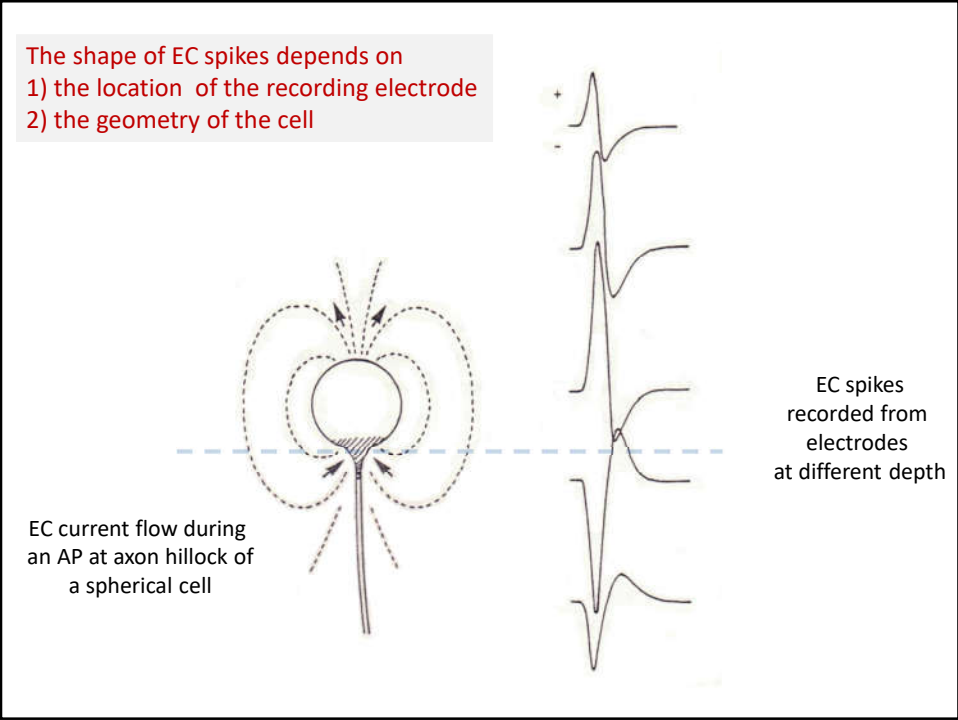
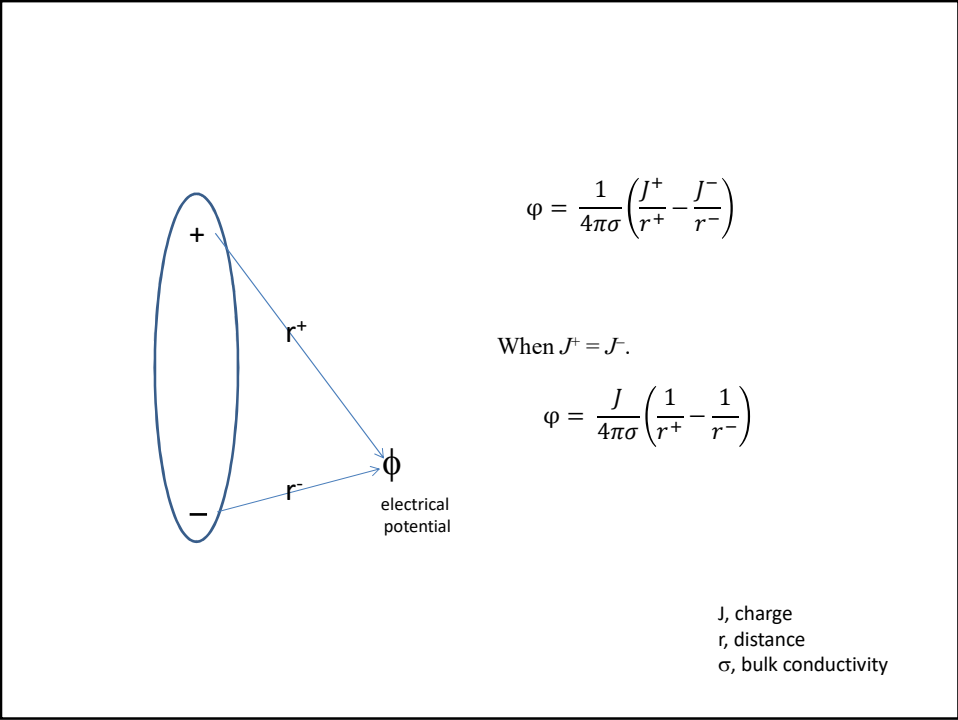
carbon filament and platinum black

Field potential

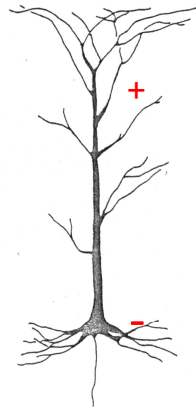
a potential difference generated by a flow of current thr. finite extracellular (EC) medium



Direction lines of EC current flow around a stellate cell during somatic action potential



Shaping of EC spikes by cell geometry
(pyramidal cell)

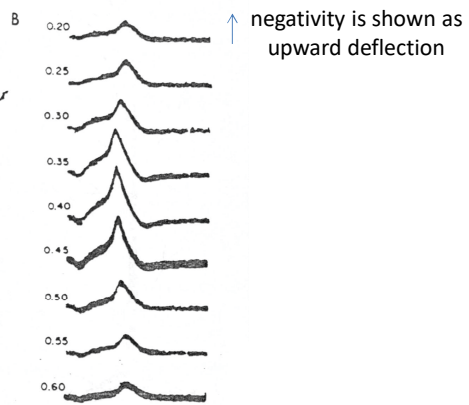
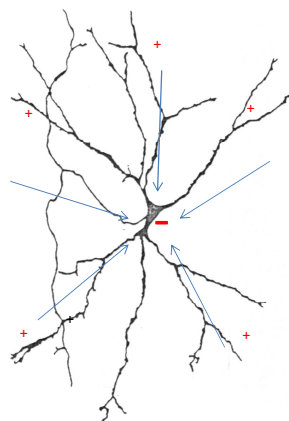


0.1 mV
0.5 msec



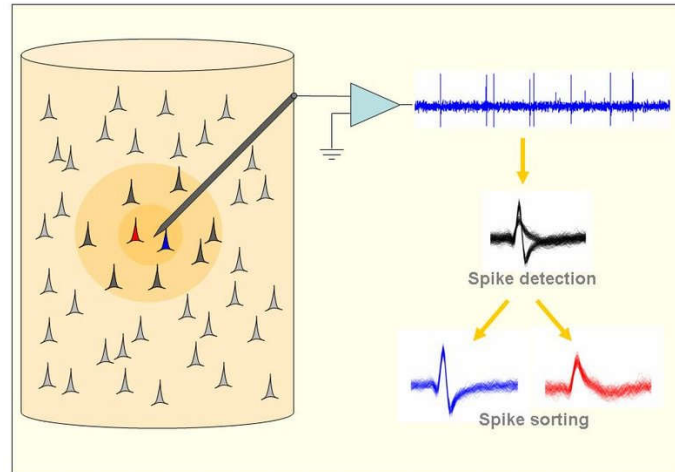
EC spikes at different electrode locations during an somatic APdu

Shaping of EC spikes by cell geometry
(stellate cell)

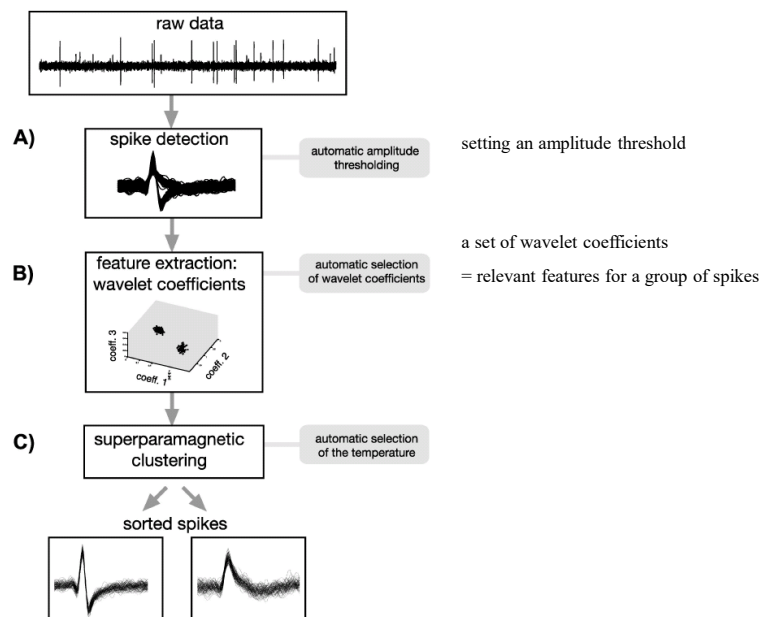


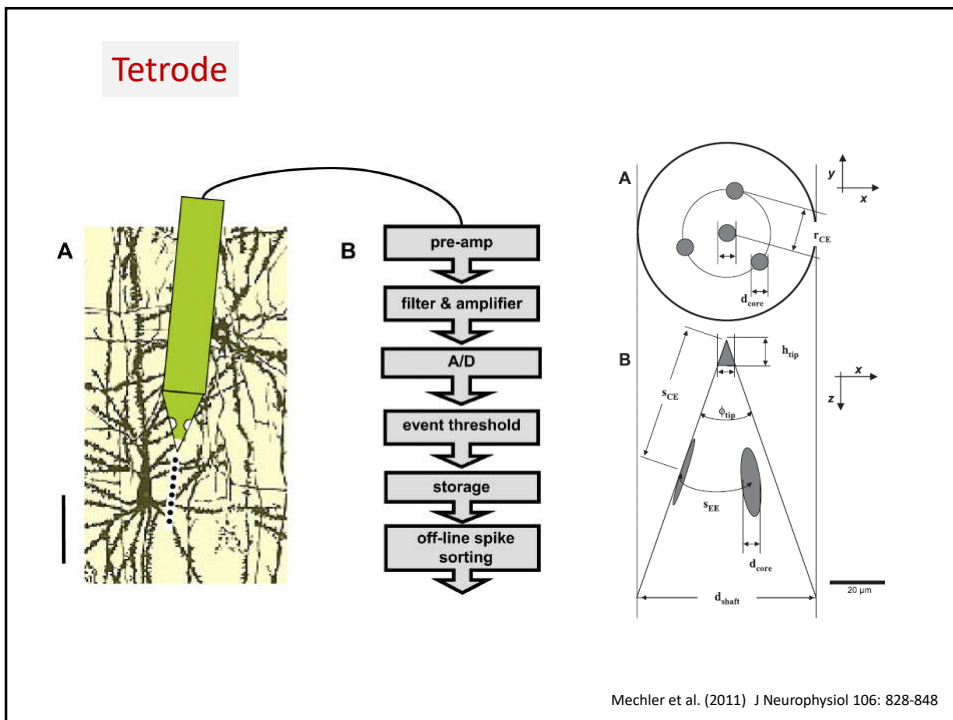
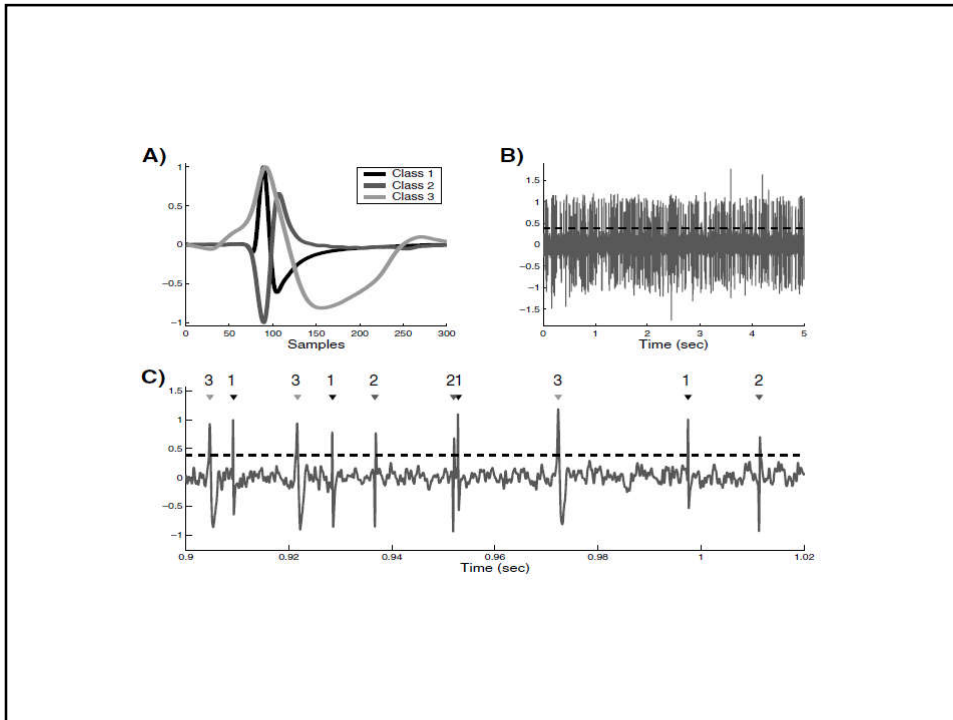
Dendritic current sources (J^+) are more distributed in SC than in PC
 \Rightarrow Concentrated sink at the soma dominates the EC spike everywhere.

Spike sorting

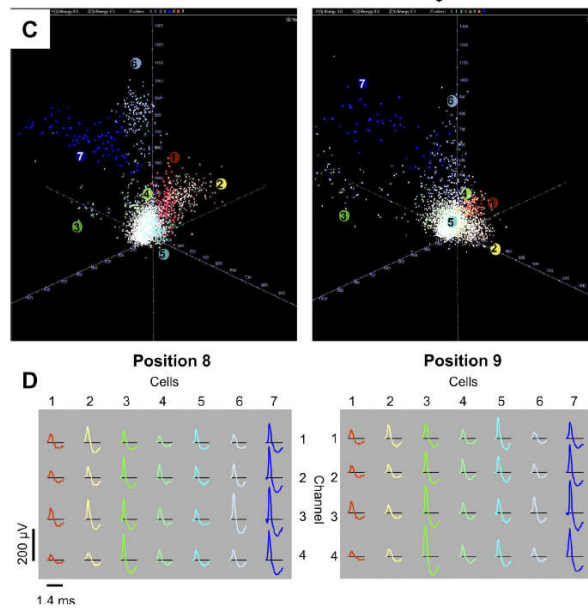


unbiased spike sorting





Energy of waveforms recorded three channels of a tetrode at two different consecutive steps.



Mean spike waveforms on 4 channels (row) for each single units (col) identified in 2 steps of C